

A PAGE FOR WOMEN AND THE HOME

THE DAILY SHORT STORY

Well Begun is Half Done.

BY NOMA SELBY.
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"WHAT you need, Bob Wilson is home life, with regular meals and irregular pleasures and irritations."

"So you advise matrimony as a means of removing your bachelor brother's mental and physical faults? Not necessarily matrimony, Bob, for Betty and I will be more than glad to have you share our home life for awhile. Shut up this bachelor apartment with all its literary lore and come home with me for a month. You're getting as set in your ways as if you were 70 instead of 35. George looked earnestly at his brother.

Your candor reminds me that family life offers a special need for understanding frankness.

Well, who doesn't need an occasional dose of plain facts about himself? asked George bluntly. I'm giving you a dose now, but I promise it will be the last if you'll come home with me for a month. Betty said for me to bring you and she'd make you as comfortable and allow you to be as quiet as you could wish to be.

That's awfully good of Betty, said Robert. If there were more girls like Betty perhaps I wouldn't have become a sort of recluse at 35.

Of course there's only one Betty, agreed George warmly, but you don't pay enough attention to the girls you know to see their possibilities.

I pay too much attention, perhaps, but my literary work has caused me to study them as representatives of a type rather than to be interested in them as individuals.

A quick step on the stairway was followed by a rap on Robert's door and a moment later there entered Edgar, a tall man of 40 with a slight stoop that seemed to have resulted from his habit of getting his searching dark eyes close to a patient's face in sympathetic scrutiny.

You're doing fine! said the doctor, after asking Robert a few questions. The only thing you need now is a good job that will keep you from settling back again into the same old rut.

Fine doctor! said George. I've just been urging him to go home with me for a month. Our home at Hill Crest is big and airy and my wife could make any man on earth contented there.

Just bundle him into your car this minute and take him along, said the doctor, and turning to Bob, he added: I couldn't prescribe anything better. And you've nothing to say about it—you're just to go, but leave all your unfinished literary work at home.

Once Robert had let go of his old life he set about making the most of his new surroundings. The first week he spent much of his time on Hill Crest's sunny porch reading or musing, or gazing at the autumn colors on the wooded hills near by. By the second week he was able to walk to the nearest hill. Betty was more than fulfilling her husband's promises for her. Robert was lazily content with the quiet home life that left him so much leisure for reading, but one morning at breakfast the maid handed Betty a night letter containing news that was anything but welcome to her brother-in-law.

Dear me, George! exclaimed Betty, her brown eyes brightening with pleasure. Leone Gray writes that she wants to stop for a little visit with us on her way to Boston for another year in her art work.

Fine! said George cordially. Leone is a great little girl. When will she be here?

This evening at 6 if it's convenient, she says. We must wire her at once to come right along.

Sure, said George, laying aside his paper and rising. I'll telephone the message in now.

Leone is the dearest of girls, said Betty to Robert. So breezy and charming.

"I wish I could describe to you, Margie," said Paula, continuing her story. "The terrible state of mind as I took that return trip east. A few months before I had come over the same route in a stateroom, chartered by a male and laden with flowers, candy and magazines. Now I climbed into an upper berth on a slow train.

Emma went with me to the train and pressed into my hand a \$20-bill, with the cheery words, 'Pay me when you can or, better still, pass it on to some other girl who needs it.'

"Think of it, Margie! I used to pay \$30 for a bunch of flowers or a box at the theatre. Now, Emma's \$20 insured me four weeks' board in New York.

"I had a bag of fruit for dinner and I decided to have a good breakfast in the morning before going to the boarding house where Emma told me a friend of hers lived. I smiled over my position.

"Margie, the women who succeed in life are those who do not take life too seriously. The woman who smiles easily and weeps rarely can beat the game.

"I sometimes wonder, Margie, whether we should dare do anything if we could look into the future. Putting ideas into words is easy, but putting ideas into acts is what makes for success, and that is just why so few succeed. Courage is the great thing needed. With courage comes enthusiasm.

"Lying in my berth that night, I decided that whatever came I would not be discouraged. But, oh, Margie, when I had a taste of the fray, I did not realize it was to be a continuous affair.

"I did not sleep much that night, Margie. You remember what the wheels said to me all night when I returned from school to the death-bed of my mother: 'Come home, your mother is ill; come home, your mother is ill.'

U. S. IDEA OF SIMPLE LINES AND MORE CLOTHES PREDOMINATES AT SHOW



THE DINNER, EVENING AND STREET GOWNS WHICH WON FOR THEIR DESIGNER, MME. E. B. CRONE OF CHICAGO, THE GOSSARD TROPHY—HIGHEST HONOR THAT CAN BE WON BY AN AMERICAN DRESSMAKER.

BY BETTY BROWN

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 25.—Chicago is the capital of the fashion world for a week at least. The most famous dressmakers and designers are here to decide what the rest of the world shall and shall not wear.

The exposition of styles is given under the auspices of the Fashion Art league of America which gives the West Virginian its exclusive fashion news.

The American idea—the simple, but expressive lines, the rich fabrics, the beautifully harmonized colors—predominated.

That we shall wear more than we wore a year ago is one thing I learned. The ten-inch skirt has been whisked out of style—the six-inch skirt is the thing.

Coats will be high to the point of fully—but so bothersomely—down over our fingers. The coat for street wear will be three-quarter length.

The skirt of both evening and street gowns are slim and rather clinging. The serge suit kept way in the back of the parade.

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Street skirts six inches from the ground. Street suits—three-quarter length coats. Suit sleeves tapering over the fingers.

Slim, willowy effect in skirts rather than the "dore." Burgundy color for broadcloth or duvetyne street suits. Champagne is the color for evening frocks.

Broadcloth and velour are the "dressiest" materials for street wear.

ground, though Mme. Alla Ripley says serge is as popular as ever for street wear.

The Gossard trophy was awarded to Mme. E. B. Crone of Chicago, for a group of three gowns. The trophy gives the holder pre-eminence among dressmakers of America.

The prize dinner gown is of tan satin with sleeves and tunic of Brussels lace edged with silver ribbon. Stripes of silver form bodice. The skirt is a blue background heavily stitched with silver.

The skirt shows the new idea in autumn fashions—the Oriental fold in the skirt. It is draped in trousseau effect at left and caught with a rose. The skirt falls in straight lines at the right.

The evening gown is champagne color satin over a foundation silver cloth with royal blue beaded tunic. The sleeves are blue net, and blue net lines the long train. The waist line in front is high, but slopes off below the normal line in the back. The neck is square in front, pointed in the back.

The street gown is champagne color broadcloth lined with pink satin and banded with seal. The bell-shaped collar, and the sleeves that slip down to the finger tips in a bell-cuff are details that will be found in the exclusive winter models. The shoulder straps of seal give a suggestion of military severity.

her society. It's just what he needs most, said George reassuringly.

That evening when Robert was unwillingly dressing for dinner he heard voices and laughter in the lower hall, which told him that George and Betty were welcoming their guest. The many peals of laughter particularly irritated him. There was no reason why he should monopolize all guest privilege of that household, and he knew it, yet he resented the advent of this other guest, whom he mentally termed a representative of the frivolous type.

Half an hour later, he went down stairs haltingly and was relieved upon entering the drawing room to find it free of the presence of any frivolous one. Through the open French window that led to the porch he felt the mild evening air and caught a glimpse of the moon through the trees. Betty and George were coming down the stairs and when Robert heard Betty softly calling her guest, he was seized with a desire to delay his introduction to that guest as long as possible.

In quick strides he made for the French window that stood open, glancing back over his shoulder to make sure that his flight was not observed. The next instant, a dizzy sense of disaster struck him as he collided forcibly with some one who was trying to enter the window. The some one was small and wore a white gown, and she clung to his shoulders to keep the sudden contract from throwing

her backward. One wondrously soft hand touched his face for an instant and he was pleasantly conscious of a very faint perfume. In the same instant that all this happened, Robert realized that he was standing plainly in view of George and Betty when they should reach the drawing room door. In desperation he put an arm around the frivolous one and swung her gently around so that both of them were out of light from the open window.

I'm terribly sorry, he whispered. Didn't know you were here. He felt a convulsive giggle shaking the girl and realized that his arm was still about her. His arm dropped instantly and he backed away. The girl advanced very near to him and lifted a face that was pretty even in the darkness.

Don't be so scared, she said, in a dramatic whisper. I won't tell. Then the little white-clad figure vanished through the window into the drawing room and Robert stood there trying to realize that he was sharing a secret with the girl whose coming he had resented. But not until he met their guest a little later in the brightly lighted dining-room did he begin to realize that he was more pleased than provoked at having such a secret to share with her.

My brother, said George, in his hearty way as the dinner progressed, has nothing to do just now but to be agreeable, so you may count on him

at every turn while you are here, Leone.

Nothing would please me more than to try to make it pleasant for Miss Gray, said Robert promptly.

You are all wonderfully kind, said Leone, and I'm sure, if you continue to make things as pleasant as each one of you has done this evening, there's no telling how long I'll stay. She looked from one to the other with a dimpling and flashing smile that was responsively received by all of them fully understood only by Robert.

There's been very little I could do this evening, said Robert, looking at Leone with such a twinkle in his eyes that Betty lost her last doubt of his hospitality, but I'm glad it hasn't seemed a bad beginning.

HEALTH HINTS

The most important points in the prevention of tuberculosis are abundance of fresh air, sunshine and cleanliness in the homes, schools and buildings where people are employed, proper food and temperance in all things.

Don't spit on the sidewalk or the floor of any building, street car or other public conveyance. When you must spit, do so in the gutter.

Do everything in your power to prevent those with whom you may live, work or associate from spitting on sidewalks or on the floors of the house, office, hallway or workshop.

Don't drink or eat out of any utensil which has been used by another unless it has been carefully washed. Never drink from a public drinking cup.

Don't buy second-hand clothing or furniture unless properly disinfected. Don't occupy premises formerly occupied by a consumptive unless the premises have been thoroughly disinfected and cleaned. Remember the germ of consumption may retain its vitality for weeks or months in houses.

Don't sleep in overcrowded rooms or with closed windows. Have plenty of fresh air in sleeping and living rooms winter and summer.

Keep the curtains raised and shutters open to let in the sunshine. Fresh air and sunshine help to kill the germs of tuberculosis.

Don't sleep with a consumptive or if it can be avoided in the same room. Don't kiss anyone having consumption.

Live a regular life. Get plenty of sleep.

Exercise daily in the open air, winter and summer. Dress suitable to the weather. Always have the feet well protected in cold and wet weather.

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GAVE SHOWER.

A shower was given Friday evening at Mr. R. C. Kelley's home on Ridgeley Ave., in honor of his daughter Mrs. Dayton Hawkinberry. At a late hour refreshments were served. The guests were as follows: Misses Myrtle Kelley, Vivian Dent, Blanche Phelps, Vira Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Hawkinberry, Mr. and Mrs. John Ridgley and little son Robert and May Morris, Messrs. Charles Cochran, Bill Ney, John Maddox, Bob Lafave, Charles

Hawkins, John Hawkins and Mary Ed Smith.

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